

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

IN RE: HOLOCAUST VICTIM ASSETS  
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Case No. CV 96-4849 (ERK)(MDG)  
(Consolidated with CV 96-5161  
and CV 97-461)

MEMORANDUM & ORDER

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**MEMORANDUM & ORDER APPROVING FIFTIETH SET OF 51 NO MATCH  
DECISIONS CERTIFIED BY THE CLAIMS RESOLUTION TRIBUNAL**

KORMAN, J.:

As provided under the Settlement Agreement, and in accordance with the procedures established in the December 8, 2000 Memorandum & Order and in the Plan of Allocation and Distribution of Settlement Proceeds (Distribution Plan), the Claims Resolution Tribunal (the "CRT"), is hereby requesting the Court's approval, pursuant to Article 31(2) of the Rules Governing the Claims Resolution Process, as amended (the "Rules"), of 51 "No Match" Decisions listed in Annex A to this Order, which have been certified by the CRT.<sup>1</sup> All 51 "No Match" Decisions in this batch have been issued to address individuals which were not addressed in previous "No Match" Decisions to the same claimants. These individuals were included in the claimants' claim forms but, due to variant spellings with transliterations from Hebrew or Cyrillic characters to Latin characters or errors in data entry, were not addressed in the initial "No Match" Decisions for those particular claims.

<sup>1</sup> Under Article 19(1) the Rules Governing the Claims Resolution Process, as amended ("the Rules") "[a]ll Admissible Claims of Victims or their heirs, and All Admissible Claims of Victims or their heirs submitted to the CRT by the New York State Holocaust Claims Processing Office, shall be matched with the Account History Database and Accounts published in 1997." These databases comprise the 36,131 accounts identified by the ICEP auditors as probably or possibly belonging to Victims of Nazi Persecution and augmented to 37,373 accounts by the CRT from other sources. The Rules define matching as "...the process of comparing computer databases of names of Victims and/or Claimants with names of Account Owners using algorithms to identify exact name matches, near-exact name matches, and name matches with confirming factors under procedures used in the ICEP investigation."

Under Article 22(2), the Rules further provide that “[a]n Award may be made of the value of an Account in favor of a Claimant if:

- a) the Claimant has identified a person with precisely the same name as the Account Owner, or the Claimant has accurately identified a person with substantially the similar name as the Account Owner or a credible pseudonym, and where applicable, has provided a plausible explanation for the difference in names; and
- b) the CRT is satisfied that the information provided by the Claimant is consistent with unpublished information in the bank records...”

In all these 51 cases the CRT has determined that the claimants failed to meet the criteria as described in Article 22(2) of the Rules and that no accounts could be located in the Account History Database belonging to any person or entity listed in the submitted Claims. Accordingly, these claims are considered closed.

With this fiftieth set, a total of 87,322 “No Match” Decisions will thus far have been approved under the CRT.

Annex A attached to this Order lists the 51 “No Match” Decisions certified as such by the CRT because these Claims failed to meet the criteria for making awards, as defined by Article 22(2) of the Rules.

Therefore, it is hereby

ORDERED that the 51 “No Match” Decisions listed in Annex A are hereby approved and shall be distributed to the relevant Claimants by the CRT.

It is further ordered that the CRT shall provide the Court with the name and address of every Claimant receiving a No Match Decision, which information shall be filed with the Court under seal.

Dated: Brooklyn, New York  
August 22, 2008

SO ORDERED:

s/Edward R. Korman

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Edward R. Korman  
United States District Judge